

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 4633–4650; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 460–461, and H. Res. 685, 687–688 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 218, to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns, amended (H. Rept. 108–560); and

H. Res. 686, providing for consideration of H.R. 4548, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 108–561).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Burns to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:02 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Congratulating the Kenyon College Ladies swimming and diving team: H. Res. 634, congratulating the Kenyon College Ladies swimming and diving team for winning the 2004 NCAA Division III Women's Swimming and Diving National Championship;

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Congratulating the Kenyon College Lords swimming and diving team: H. Res. 635, congratulating the Kenyon College Lords swimming and diving team for winning the 2004 NCAA Division III Men's Swimming and Diving National Championship;

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Commending the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers: H. Res. 630, commending the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers for winning the 2003–04 NCAA Division I National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship;

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Honoring the life and accomplishments of Ray Charles: H. Con. Res. 449, honoring the life and accomplishments of Ray Charles, recognizing his contributions to the Nation, and extending condolences

to his family on his death, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 281;

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Recognizing the importance of blues music: H. Con. Res. 13, amended, recognizing the importance of blues music, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 280;

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Expressing the sense of Congress regarding safe driving: H. Con. Res. 56, expressing the sense of the Congress that States should require candidates for driver's licenses to demonstrate an ability to exercise greatly increased caution when driving in the proximity of a potentially visually impaired individual;

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Luis A. Ferre United States Courthouse and Post Office Building Designation Act: S. 2017, to designate the United States courthouse and post office building located at 93 Atocha Street in Ponce, Puerto Rico, as the “Luis A. Ferre United States Courthouse and Post Office Building”—clearing the measure for the President;

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Cape Town Treaty Implementation Act of 2004: H.R. 4226, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to make certain conforming changes to provisions governing the registration of aircraft and the recordation of instruments in order to implement the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment, known as the “Cape Town Treaty”;

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Working Families Assistance Act of 2004: H.R. 4372, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the carryforward of \$500 of unused benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements for dependent care assistance;

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Reauthorizing the TANF block grant program: H.R. 4589, to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through September 30, 2004; and

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Recognizing National Homeownership Month: H. Res. 658, recognizing National Homeownership Month and the importance of homeownership in the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 285.

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Budget Resolution for FY 2005—Revision: Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at

any time to consider H. Res. 685, revising the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2005 as it applies to the House of Representatives; that the resolution be considered as read for amendment; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the resolution to final adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except 90 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and Minority Leader or their designees. **Page H4685**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act for FY 2005: The House passed H.R. 4613, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, by a yea-and-nay vote of 403 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 284.

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Agreed to:

Amendment printed in H. Rept. 108–559; and

Lewis en bloc amendment that requires the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the congressional defense committees that addresses how the Department is improving the dud rate of cluster munitions to meet existing DoD policies; requires that the Secretary notify the Committees on International Relations, and Foreign Relations, as well as the defense committees before assistance is provided to the Iraqi and Afghanistani military or security forces; requires that the Secretary provide to Congress a list of all contracts entered into by the DoD for the provision of security, translation, and interrogation services in Iraq, Afghanistan, or Guantanamo Bay and the amount of each contract; prohibits the use of funds for any contract in contravention of the Small Business Act; and makes technical corrections to the bill. **Pages H4718–19**

Rejected:

Inslee amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to waive or modify regulations promulgated under sections of title 5 of U.S. Code (by a recorded vote of 202 ayes to 218 noes, Roll No. 283).

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Withdrawn:

Woolsey amendment (no. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of June 21) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for the Former Soviet Union Threat Reduction Account; **Pages H4703–04**

Blumenauer amendment (no. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of June 21) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for research, development, test, and evaluation; **Pages H4706–07**

Jackson-Lee amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for the Defense Health Program; and **Pages H4707–08**

Jackson-Lee amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for embassy security, construction, and maintenance for interim facilities for the U.S. Mission in Iraq.

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H. Res. 683, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 197 noes, Roll No. 280, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 279. **Pages H4682–83**

Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. Mark Kirk of Wilmette, Illinois, Mr. John C. Peters of DeKalb, Illinois, and Mr. S. Kerry Cooper of College Station, Texas to the Commission on the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program. **Page H4728**

Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she appointed Representative Slaughter, Dr. Mary M. Dwyer of Lake Forest, Illinois, and Ms. Mora McLean of New York to the Commission.

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Presidential Message: Read a letter from the President wherein he reported that whaling activities conducted by Iceland diminish the effectiveness of the International Whaling Commission conservation program—referred to the Committees on International Relations and Resources and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–195). **Page H4729**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4649.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4766.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4682–83, H4683, H4683–84, H4684–85, H4726–27, H4727–28 and H4728. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on the Air Force Budget Request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Air Force: GEN John P. Jumper, USAF, Chief of Staff; and Nelson F. Gibbs, Assistant Secretary, (Installations, Environment and Logistics).